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NEW J. LLOYD CROWE SECONDARY SCHOOL GOING GREEN

TRAIL – Students and staff at J. Lloyd Crowe secondary will soon enjoy learning and teaching in a new $32.7-million eco-friendly school, Education Minister Shirley Bond announced today.

"This replacement school is being designed with the environment in mind," said Bond. "By reducing the building's impact on the environment, the new J. Lloyd Crowe secondary will help students achieve their best in a healthy and safe learning environment."

The new school will be built on the existing site adjacent to the current facility, and is expected to open in September 2009. Highlights of the school's design include:

- Improved landscaping to allow for better use of outdoor green space.
- Rainwater collection to use for irrigation on the school grounds.
- Natural light and energy efficient indoor lighting with dimmer switches.
- Low-flow toilets to reduce water usage by 30 per cent.
- Exterior roll shutters on the windows to minimize heat loss.
- Digitally controlling heating, ventilation, air conditioning and lighting to increase energy efficiency.

The green design also supports the Province's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent by 2020.

"The new school will be a state-of-the-art facility that will provide an excellent learning environment for many years to come," said Kootenay Columbia board of education chair Mac Gregory. "This project has the support of all the municipalities in the district, and we look forward to continuing Crowe's pride of outstanding achievement and success in all activities when we move into our wonderful new building."

The new J. Lloyd Crowe will have a capacity for 825 students, and takes into account an expected continued declining enrolment in the district.

Since 2001, the Province has invested over $9.8 million in school capital projects in the Kootenay Columbia school district, including $2.8 million for additions to Glenmerry elementary and Kinnaird elementary to allow for increased student capacity.

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During the same time, the Province has spent over $1 billion to complete 26 new schools, 32 replacements, 140 additions and 22 renovation projects across British Columbia. By the end of 2008-09, the Province will have invested more than $2.8 billion in school capital and maintenance projects across British Columbia.

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